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Kingston, Jamaica (W.I.) May 8th, 1851.

My Dear Friend, Although you may have forgotten me as a Clerk in Anti Slavery Office in New York in the time of Wright Jr., R.G. Williams and others, yet I remember you too well - so engraved are your great memory on my Heart - as the Chief of our abolitionists from the earliest days of our cause to the present: and above all your universal catholic Christianity and Charity that I have ventured with assurance to seek your influence and aid to assist myself, mother, wife and young children who are in great distress and want here on account of my not doing anything for several months as I am not able to get a place of any kind the Cholera having prostrated business of all kind and placed many in need who formerly use to support themselves and family respectably and decently. Such sir is my case and the great jealousy exercised towards strangers in keeping them from raising at all. I am quite assured sir that you will do all you can with the Abolitionists of the Old Bay State whose generosity in every good cause toward the coloured race is proverbial: and knowing that wherever your great influence is given is always successful - may I claim it in my case - presuming on your well known goodness to all mankind. If I had a small amount of aid in money and things, I could get a small shop near the wharf were the American Steamers from California with a large number of passengers comes weekly, and sell it on the Temperance principle cheaper than is generally sold to them. and make with my old mother and Wife o[illegible] Pickels & preserves, an

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and fruits do a very decently business - but it requires a little means to begin with - could my friend assist with a little pecuniary means, a little provisions, Crockery &c on credit from some Abolitionist, I would be able to make returns in a short time & order things in small quantities as I may require. and set up what would be a new thing here "A Temperance Eating House &c. Should the friends of the coloured race in Massachusetts assist me they may depend on my punctuality and rectitude in business. and they would never have cause to repent of their well-bestowed kindness. please write me soone through the post here that comes every week. Hoping yourself and family is well as yourself.

I am Sir Yours Truly.

Henry W. Davison.

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